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Friday January 22nd has been officially designated Four Daigneault Day by Loyola College. The highlight of the day will be a pre-game presentation to Daigneault officially marking his 100th victory as coach of the Varsity Basketball Warriors. Following the ceremonies Loyola takes on traditional rival Sir George Williams University.

Daigneault has amassed an impressive five year record of 107 wins and 49 losses including 53 consecutive O.S.L. league victories, three O.S.L. championships and two Provincial titles (Coupe du Quebec). His 100th victory came during the Golden Boy Classic when they defeated the University of Calgary Dinosaurs 69-67 in Winnipeg.

Born in Montreal, Loyola's Basketball Coach grew up in Malone, New York and has been acclaimed as one of the finest all-round athletes in the Upper New York State region.

He continued playing basketball and football at Clemson University where he obtained a B.Sc. Degree. He had the unique honor of playing in three major post season football games; the Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl and Blue Bennett Bowl. Following his college career he played six years of professional football highlighted by being a member of the 1960 Grey Cup Champion Ottawa Roughriders. Daigneault's past experiences in coaching basketball all were in South Carolina and in the Ottawa area prior to his appointment at Loyola.

As soon as Daigneault arrived on the Loyola Campus he insisted on nothing but the best for his athletes in the way of facilities and basketball equipment and uniforms. He fought tooth and nail to have the architect's plan of 400 seats in Loyola's new gym altered. His critics scoffed that for a college basketball game you would need more than this. Doug must chuckle somewhat these days as his Basketball Warriors have played before quadruple this number and numerous more have been turned away.

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Phase two of Daigneault's plan to make Loyola a major basketball power called for recruiting of the most outstanding and dedicated student athletes available. On his own Daigneault travels some 10,000 miles annually through the Province of Quebec and Ontario and the eastern United States scouting basketball games and visiting high schools, talking to senior classes about Loyola and basketball to those in the interested group.

As an important part of Phase Two on the home front a plan was implemented to improve all area high school sports. The basketball segment included conducting intensified coaching clinics for high school basketball coaches sponsoring a high school All-Star game and organizing a Summer long and developmental basketball league.

The long hard hours devoted to this hometown phase of the program appears to be working. Enrolled in Loyola's Evening Division are Quebec All-Stars Trevor Briggs, Wayne Hussey and Peter Ryan all of whom should start for the Warriors next season. This trio along with Dave Osborne and Peter Mullins, two Montrealers, on this year's team could possibly give Daigneault an All-Canadian starting five for the 71-72 campaign.

In the vital coaching part of the program Daigneault has excelled. His attention to individual techniques, fundamentals, conditioning and the fast break have made this year's edition of the Warriors the most exciting basketball team ever to wear the maroon and white. Only a national championship has escaped the grasp of Daigneault and don't bet that it will elude them for very long.

Participating in tonight's presentations will be Loyola President, The Very Reverend Patrick G. Malone, S.J. and representatives from Loyola's Alumni Association, The Quebec Basketball Amateur Association and the Greater Montreal Interscholastic Athletic Association.